

Fallen Heroes Bridge Dedication Program
SSG Jason W. Montefering - Parkston, SD
November 11, 2020



On November 26, 2019, South Dakota launched the Fallen Heroes Bridge Dedication Program. The program dedicates state bridges to South Dakota heroes who died while in active service, were a prisoner of war or were missing in action.

The James River Bridge on HWY 44, near Parkston, is dedicated to SSG Jason W. Montefering and SGT Jeremiah J. Boehmer, of Parkston. Montefering served in the United States Army from January 1978 – July 2005.

Staff Sergeant Montefering, 27, was a member of K Troop, 3rd Squadron, 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment from Ft. Carson, Colorado. He died July 24, 2005, while on his second tour in Iraq.

He was described as a quiet soldier who became a steady leader. “Sgt. Monte” — was “always looking out for the best interests of those around him.”

Jason W. Montefering was born January 23, 1978, to Allen and Lorraine Montefering at Parkston, SD. He attended Parkston High School, graduating in 1997.

On June 17, 1997, he enlisted in the United States Army and moved to Ft. Knox, Kentucky for basic training. He was stationed at Camp Armstrong in Germany for three years before moving to F. Carson, Colorado, in order to be closer to home.

During his off hours he enjoyed collecting tractors and fishing.

Awards/Ribbons Montefering Received:

Bronze Star

Purple Heart

Army Achievement Award – 3rd Oak Leaf Cluster

Iraq Campaign Medal

Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

Army Good Conduct 4th Award

Army Commendation Medal

Exceptional Merit Service Ribbon

Army Service Ribbon (2nd Award)

Combat Service Ribbon

Combat Action Badge

Non-Commissioned Officers Proficient Development Ribbon 2nd Award

